

## ABSTRACT

(Fig. 3)

## IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO COMPUTER SYSTEMS

5 A computer system comprising hardware (70), an operating system (68), and application programs (54) which makes function calls on the operating system, includes a portability layer (60) which directs the calls to components of a native library (62) associated with the operating system, if such components exist, or otherwise directs the calls to components of a special portability library (64). In this way the application can very easily be adapted or ported to run on many different platforms including either a feature-rich operating system or a feature-sparse operating system.